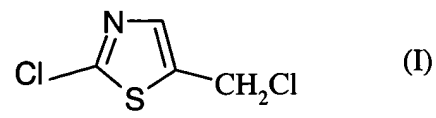
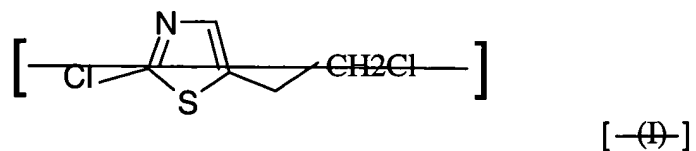
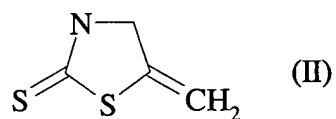


69. (amended) Process for the preparation of 2-chloro-5-chloromethylthiazole of the formula (I)



characterized in that 5-methylene-1,3-thiazolidine-2-thione of the formula (II)



is reacted with a chlorinating agent, optionally in the presence of a diluent.